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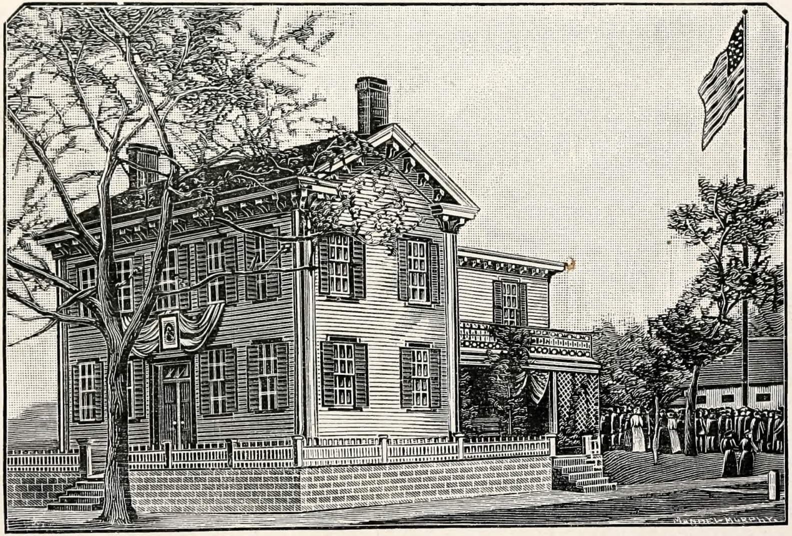

AT THE LINCOLN HOMESTEAD,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6TH, 1892,

By MR. and MRS. O. H. OLDROYD.

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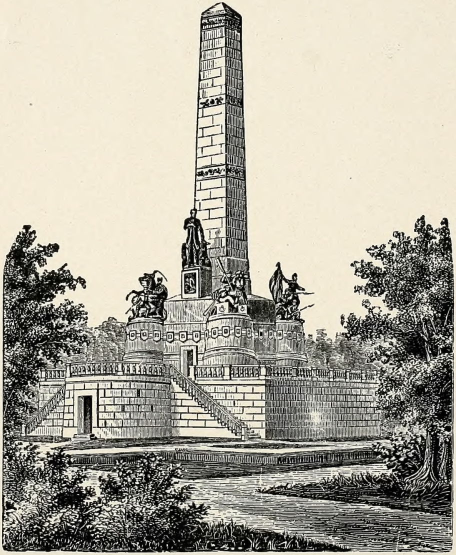

Lincoln's Farewell Address to his Neighbors,

FEBRUARY 11TH, 1861.

My Friends:

No one not in my position can appreciate the sadness I feel at this parting. To this people I owe all that I am. Here I have lived more than a quarter of a century; here my children were born, and here one of them lies buried. I know not how soon I shall see you again. A duty devolves upon me which is, perhaps, greater than that which devolved upon any other man since the days of Washington. He never would have succeeded except for the aid of Divine Providence, upon which he at all times relied. I feel that I cannot succeed withont the same Divine aid which sustained him, and on the same Almighty Being I place my reliance for support, and I hope you, my friends, will all pray that I may receive that Divine assistance without which I cannot succeed but with which success is certain. Again I bid you an affectionate farewell.

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